

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parties of Record

FROM: Melvin Malone,
Director, Tennessee Regulatory Authority

DATE: March 25, 1997

RE: Docket No. 96-01235 - Application of United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide InterLATA, Interexchange Telephone Service Within Tennessee.

A pre-hearing conference in this matter has been scheduled for March 27, 1997, to provide a statement of issues, establish a discovery schedule and hearing date, and to consider other pre-hearing matters as appropriate.

In order to expedite the pre-hearing conference, a list of possible issues for consideration, attached hereto, is being provided to all parties. Parties are encouraged to bring the appropriate company personnel to address these issues.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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cc: David Waddell, Executive Secretary

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE OUTLINE

DOCKET 96-01235

IN RE: PETITION OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, INC. FOR A DECLARATORY ORDER CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED TELEPHONE SOUTHEAST, INC.'S (UTSE) INTRALATA TOLL DIALING PARITY PLAN FOR UNITED'S LATA IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

1. Is the Dialing Parity Plan, as filed by UTSE, in compliance with the FCC Order 96-333, dated August 8, 1996? Specifically:
 - A. Are the costs and the recovery mechanism outlined in UTSE's Plan compliant with the FCC Order? (FCC 96-333, Para. 381, 387, 51.215). The Order states "The LEC shall use a cost recovery mechanism established by the state."
 - B. Is the customer notification via bill inserts proposed by UTSE sufficient to comply with the FCC Order? The FCC Order allows the states to adopt procedures regarding customer notification, consumer education and balloting (Para. 80).
 - C. Will nondiscriminatory access to operator services be provided by the incumbent? Will the incumbent's brand be removed from operator service calls made by a competing carrier's customer? Will operator service calls be branded with the competing carrier's brand for calls made by their customers? (FCC 96-333, Para. 110, 128, 388, 51.217)
 - D. Will nondiscriminatory access to directory assistance be provided by the incumbent? Will the incumbent's brand be removed from directory assistance calls made by a competing carrier's customer? Will directory assistance calls be branded with the competing carrier's brand for calls made by their customers? (FCC 96-333, Para. 133, 148, 388, 51.217)

- E. Will LEC provide subscriber listing information to its competitors in "readily accessible" tape or electronic formats? (FCC 96-333, Para. 389)
 - F. Will UTSE comply with sections 51.305, 307, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, and 335 of the FCC Order. These sites specifically address network changes and notices.
 - G. Should customers contact the incumbent or new carrier to request PIC changes?
 - H. Will PIC changes be implemented, for a limited time, free to customers? When a customer changes both intra and interLATA carriers, will the customer be charged two full PIC change charges?
2. These issues are not all inclusive, but is a list of what may be addressed in this proceeding.